TV Transmitter at Kharapather in Shimla

2420. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sanctioned a T.V. Transmitter in Kharapather in Shimla District;

(b) whether Government have received any representation in this regard; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) to (c) Requests for the establishment of a TV transmitted at Kharapather in Shimla district of Himachal Pradesh have been received from time to time. Whereas Kharapathar is expected to receive TV service from the high power (IKW) TV transmitter under implementation at Shimla subject to local topographical conditions, there is no approved scheme at present to set up a separate TV transmitter at Kharapather. It is the endeavour of the Government to further improve TV service in the area, as expeditiously as possible, but this shall depend upon the availability of funds for the purpose.

Criteria for inclusion of a Language in Eighth Schedule of Constitution

2421. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria for a language to be included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution;

(b) whether the languages other than those included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution are recognised and used for Official purposes in various States of the country; and

(c) if so, what are these languages State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) No such criteria have been laid down in the Constitution.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Statement is enclosed.

Statement

Languages other than those included in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution which are recognised and used for official purposes in various states

Sl. No.	Name of the language	Name of the State
(1)	(2)	(3)
1	Bodo	Assam
2	Konkani	Goa
3	Manipuri	Manipur
4	Mizo	Mizoram
5	Nepali	(i) Sikkim
		(ii) West Bengal